Statement-III

The total number of cases sanctioned under the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) in Jajpur District in Orissa, Block-wise.

S.No.	Block	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1.	Binjharpur	—	53	30
2.	Dharmasala	—	39	46
3.	Barchana	—	40	35
4.	Vyasanagar (M)	—	1	—
5.	Jajpur(M)	—	42	31
6.	Jajpur	—	36	39
7.	Danagadi	—	44	55
8.	Bari	—	48	44
9.	Sukinda	—	104	47
10.	Korei	—	73	20
11.	Dasarathpur	—	49	47
12.	Rasulpur	—	195	83
	Total:	—	724	487

Self-help Groups Scheme in Orissa

2312. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form 14 lakh Self-help Groups to boost rural economy at the grass-root level;

(b) if so, what is the concept of the scheme and the State/areas where it has succeeded in creating national wealth, the details thereof;

(c) whether Orissa has also been covered in the project, if so, the progress made in the State in developing rural economy; and

(d) if no, whether Government are considering Orissa to be included for the project?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (d) In the National Conference on the "Self Help Group (SHG) Movement in the country and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)" held in June 2001 at Hyderabad, it was resolved to form at least one Self-Help Group in each habitation of the Country by the year 2004. There are estimated to be about 14 lakh rural habitations in the country.

The objective of SGSY is to bring the assisted families (Swarozgaris) above the Poverty Line by orgnising them into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilisation, their training and capacity building and provision of income generating assets through a mix of Bank credit and Government subsidy. The emphasis under the Scheme, is on Group Approach and development of activity clusters by financing selected key activities. The group approach helps the rural poor to build their own organisation for socio-economic empowerment.

The Programme is being implemented in rural areas of various States/ UTs, including Orissa. Since inception of the Scheme in April, 1999, a total of 29,11,768 Swarozgaris have so far been assisted for their activities. The Swarozgaris assisted in Orissa during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 is as follows:—

Year	Swarozgaris assisted
1999-2000	74633
2000-2001	86171
2001-2002	59233

Increasing employment rate in Bihar

2313. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many mandays have been created in the past 5 years under Rural Employment Generation Programme in different States;

(b) the reasons for this less percentage in Bihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that employment rate is low in Bihar; and